THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Mishap at the Thal Heavy Water Plant

*312. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI KISHOR MEHTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a mishap was averted at the Thal Heavy Water Plant in March 1987; and

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been ordered in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The incident at Thal Heavy Water Plant related only to snapping of an electrical contact and did not involve any possibility of a mishap.

Information Centre, Connaught Place, New Delhi

*313. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Information Centre in Connaught Place, New Delhi, which had been serving the needs of a large number of people for more than 30 years, has recently been closed down by Government;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there are any plans to set up a better equipped information centre in Delhi; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) As a part of the rationalisation of the functioning of the Press Information Bureau undertaken with a view to removing the areas of redundancy and improving the overall performance of the Bureau, it was decided to close down some of the offices/Information Centres. The Information Centre at Delhi was one of the offices so affected.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal at present to open any such Information Centre in Delhi as adequate facilities of this type have become available to the public over the years.

केन्द्रीय सरकार के कार्यालयों में पांच दिन के सप्ताह के बाद कार्यकुशलता

*314. **श्री शरद यादव:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों के लिए पांच दिन के सप्ताह के प्रावधान के फलस्वरूप उनकी कार्यकुशलता में कितनी वृद्धि हुई है और उनकी कार्यकुशलता में वृद्धि करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं; और

(ख) क्या सरकार उनकी बढ़ी हुई कार्यकुशलता के आधार पर केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों को देय बोनस की धनराशि में वृद्धि करने का विचार रखती है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम) : (क) जबकि कार्यकुशलता में वृद्धि अथवा कर्मी के आधार पर पांच दिन के सप्ताह का कोई औपचारिक मूल्यांकन नहीं किया गया है तो भी यह महसूस किया गया है कि योजना का अच्छा स्वागत हुआ है। कुछ मंत्रालयों/विभागों के संबंध में प्रशासनिक सुधार तथा लोक शिकायत विभाग द्वारा किए गए

एक सरसरे अध्ययन से भी ऐसा प्रकट नहीं होता कि मात्रा अथवा गुणवत्ता की दृष्टि से कार्यनिष्पादन में कोई गिरावट आई है । इसके अतिरिक्त सरकारी कार्यकुशलता को बढ़ाने के लिए लगातार उपाय किए जा रहे हैं ।

(ख) ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है ।

Firing of petrol shells by Pakistani Army in Chhamb

*315. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistani troops resorted to unprovoked firing recently in the Chhamb sector using petrol shells, causing injuries to several civilians;

(b) if so, what is the number of occasions, till date, after the recent agreement between the two countries to withdraw troops from the Indo-Pak border to defuse tension when Pakistan resorted to unprovoked firing, stating the number of casualties, if any; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) No firing of petrol shells has taken place. However, Pakistani troops fired tracer rounds on 7th April, 1987 in the Palanwala-Chhamb sector which led to Sarkanda grass in the area catching fire. No casualties, have been reported.

(b) Following the recent agreement between India and Pakistan on February 4, 1987, relating to deescalation of tensions on the international border, some incidents of firing by Pakistani troops across the line of control in J. & K. have taken place, leading to a few casualties as a consequence.

(c) Flag meetings are held at local Commander's level to settle all border incidents. Our troops deployed along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir continue to remain vigilant.

Weeding out Government files through Computers

*316. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to use computers for weeding out the files;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) to what extent it will be helpful to preserve the records of important files after their destruction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Computers are being used essentially for data storage and processing. In this end, these, help to reduce paper work. Weeding of files, however, is linked with the wider question of retention of records for various legal/administrative requirements.

उड़ीसा में राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों की शाखायें

*317. **श्री सुनील कुमार पटनायक:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उड़ीसा में आज की तारीख की स्थिति के अनुसार राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों की कुल कितनी शाखाएं कार्य कर रही हैं;

(ख) क्या उस राज्य में राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों की और अधिक शाखायें खोलने के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है;